

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/646,983 Confirmation No. 1148
First Named Inventor : Hannel
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Examiner : BENOIT, ESTHER
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Customer No. : 33356

Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Amendment

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 03/18/2010, a Notice of Appeal and a Pre-Appeal Conference Request were filed on April 23, 2010. A Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review was mailed on May 25, 2010. This Amendment is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.